GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1508
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
WTO REGULATIONS ON AGRICULTURE SECTOR
KAMAL NATH;PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plight of Indian farmers was discussed at Indian Science Congress held in January, 2001 and there was demand for `White Paper` on Agriculture Sector in the context of the WTO regulations which has affected the Indian farmers as a result of WTO agreement of 1994;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether it is proposed to bring out a `White Paper` on Agriculture Sector as such; and

(d) if so, when it is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) A public Forum was organized on WTO and Indian agriculture, where eminent scientists discussed various issues affecting Indian agriculture in general.

(b) The recommendations emerged out of the discussion in the Forum are being finalized by the Indian Science Congress Association for submission to the Department of Science and Technology.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.